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1. HAILE SELASSIE VISIT

AS ANTICIPATED, THE EMPEROR CONCENTRATED ON ALLEGED THREATS TO ETHIOPIAN SECURITY DURING SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS MAY 15 WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THE ACTING SECRETARIES OF STATE AND DEFENSE. HE DESCRIBED SOMALI ACTIONS, SUPPORTED BY THE SOVIETS AND ARABS, TO ISOLATE ETHIOPIA AND EMPHASIZED THE DESTABILIZING EFFECT IN THE HORN AND RED SEA AREAS OF RECENT SOVIET ARMS SHIPMENTS TO SOMALIA. HE INDICATED THE NEED FOR ASSISTANCE IN HELPING ETHIOPIA MEET THIS THREAT TO "OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS" AND LEFT A LONG SHOPPING LIST FOR MILITARY SUPPORT. U. S. OFFICIALS EXPRESSED OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN ETHIOPIA AND ITS SECURITY. THE EMPEROR WAS INFORMED OF THE FAVORABLE U. S. RESPONSE TO THE ETHIOPIAN FAMINE RELIEF REQUEST AND THAT THE QUESTION OF OUR CONTINUED PRESENCE AT KAGNEW STATION WAS UNDER REVIEW. (SECRET) BRIEFING PAPER DRAFTED BY AF/ E, 5/16.

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2. BONN PREPARES FOR BREZHNEV' S VISIT

EMBASSY BONN REPORTS THREE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE SIGNED DURING THE VISIT. TWO OTHERS ARE SNAGGED ON BERLIN CLAUSES AND THIS HAS CAUSED BITTERNESS ON BOTH SIDES. BRANDT IS EXPECTED TO FOCUS ON FRG- GDR RELATIONS, EAST- WEST NEGOTIATIONS, TRADE RELATIONS AND OTHER BILATERAL PROBLEMS; THE SOVIETS TO SEEK INCREASED TRADE AND LONG- TERM CREDITS. THE EMBASSY COMMENTS THAT THE VISIT MAY BE LONG ON ATMOSPHERE AND SHORT ON CONCRETE ACHIEVEMENTS. (CONFIDENTIAL) BONN 7046, 5/16.

3. MBFR: SOVIETS REQUEST AGENDA DISCUSSION DELAY

IN A SESSION WITH THE US AND DUTCH REPRESENTATIVES MAY 16, SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE KHLESTOV PROPOSED AGENDA DISCUSSIONS BEGIN MAY 21 INSTEAD OF MAY 18. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THEY BE CONDUCTED AT LEAST IN PART IN PLENARY SESSION, RATHER THAN BY AN INFORMAL WORKING GROUP, TO SATISFY THE DESIRE OF THE ROMANIANS, HUNGARIANS AND BULGARIANS TO PARTICIPATE. OUR DELEGATION COMMENTS IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO TELL IF THE SOVIETS ARE TRYING TO DELAY THE TALKS. (SECRET) VIENNA 4101, 5/16.

4. GISCARD D' ESTAING ON CURRENT MONETARY UNREST

EMBASSY PARIS REPORTS THAT IN A SPEECH MAY 16, FRENCH FINANCE MINISTER VALERY GISCARD D' ESTAING SAID THAT THE PROBLEM OF STABILIZING THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM IS ONE OF CONVERTIBILITY RATHER THAN PARITIES. HE PREDICTED A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION OF THE US PAY- MENTS DEFICIT BY 1974 WHICH WILL FUNDAMENTALLY MODIFY THE CLIMATE FOR MONETARY REFORM DISCUSSIONS. (UNCLASSIFIED) PARIS 13534, 9/16.

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5. CAMBODIAN MILITARY SITUATION

THERE HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN ENEMY ACTIVITY ON THE EAST BANK OF THE MEKONG RIVER ACROSS FROM KAMPONG CHAM. THE ENEMY IS CONTINUING TO PRESS HIS ATTACKS ALONG ROUTE 3. FANK UNITS HAVE CONTINUED TO EXPAND THEIR PERIMETER AT TAKEO TO THE WEST. FINALLY

THE SECOND PHASE OF THE CAMBODIAN OPERATION TO CLEAR
ROUTE 5 WILL BEGIN SOON, PROBABLY SHORTLY AFTER 17 MAY.
(SECRET) CAMBODIAN DAMSREP OF 16 MAY.

6. SOVIET VIEWS ON THE MIDDLE EAST

ON INSTRUCTIONS, OUR CHARGE IN MOSCOW TOLD THE SOVIET
FOREIGN MINISTRY WE HOPED THE USSR WOULD URGE MODERATION
ON THE SYRIANS IN THE LEBANESE SITUATION. THE MINISTRY
OFFICIAL SAID THE SOVIETS ALWAYS URGE MODERATION. HE
BLAMED ISRAEL FOR AGGRAVATING THE CRISIS AND WAS NOT
OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE UPCOMING SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING.
HE DID NOT SEEM OVERLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY
OF AN OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES. (SECRET) MOSCOW 5564,
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